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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Waldrop, Stephanie D., et al. ) Docket: 22530-RA1  
Serial No.: 10/729,133 ) Examiner: Anthony, Joseph D.  
Filed: December 5, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
For: NONFLAMMABLE ETHYLENE OXIDE GAS BLEND COMPOSITIONS,  
METHOD OF MAKING SAME, AND METHOD OF STERILIZATION

Dated: March 17, 2005

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION RESTRICTION, RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, AND**  
**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, in the above-styled patent application, please note the confirmation of election restriction as indicated hereunder, and please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 as indicated and consider the appended remarks and supplementary declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.67.

Also enclosed please find a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$60.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1).

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**Election/Restriction**

Pursuant to Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I, Claims 1-13 and 15-18. There is no change to inventorship.

Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's requirement for restriction, as set forth in the remarks below.

Applicants further reserve the right to file a Divisional application for Invention II and/or for Invention III, reading on Claim 14 and Claims 19-21, respectively.